

Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is in error for the reasons set forth in the discussion between the Examiner and Mr. Carango. The Applicants have amended Claim 1 to substitute "the" for "a" and for "an" in Claims 1 and 2, respectively to facilitate early allowance.

The Applicants respectfully submit that both of Claims 1 and 2 will not be subject to challenge for lack of antecedent basis inasmuch as the Patent Office has suggested the above language and the Applicants have made it clear on the record that the Applicants believe that the prior use of "a" and "an" is more appropriate. Also, the Applicants note that this change in no way changes the scope of the claims as set forth with the previous "a" and "an" language.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and further respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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